

# Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (DWRLF) and ARRA Updates

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# American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Requirements

- All ARRA funds had to be under contract by February 17, 2010
- 50% Loan Subsidization
- 20% "Green" Projects
  - *Green Project Reserve (GPR)*: water or energy efficiency improvements




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# ARRA Special Requirements

- **Davis-Bacon Wage Provisions**
  - Projects receiving ARRA funds had to meet prevailing wage requirements
- **Buy American**
  - No ARRA funds were provided for a project unless all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States
- **Transparency and Accountability**
  - Exceptional level of oversight and reporting (OIG)

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## LA ARRA Funding Scheme

- For each applicant - up to 30% of loan principal was forgiven with a cap of \$1 M
- Remainder of project was funded with loan dollars at 3.45% interest
- Forgiveness funds were provided to projects "ready to proceed" to construction until the funds were exhausted (Green projects first priority)

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## ARRA Project Summary

### 28 Projects

Total SRF Assistance	\$81.9 M
ARRA Funded	\$27.3 M
Loan – Base Program	\$54.6 M
Principal Forgiveness	\$19 M (69%)
Green Projects	\$ 6.1 M
Administration	\$ 0.3 M

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## DWRLF Receives EPA Accolades

- "The 28 communities benefitted directly from the improvements and many more will be positively affected through the jobs created by these projects"
- "DWRLF exceeded its Green Project Reserve requirement of \$5.5 M by almost \$1 M"

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## Facts on 28 ARRA Projects

### Green Projects included:

- Installation of meters in non-metered PWS's
- Replacement of piping with excessive water loss
- Installation of high efficiency pumps & motors with variable frequency drives

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## Facts on 28 ARRA Projects

- 5 privately & 23 governmental owned
- Ranged in cost from \$520 K to \$11 M
- Served populations from 4 K to 302 K
- 28 projects in 25 different parishes
- 19 different engineering firms consulted
- First time 11 of 19 firms used DWRLF

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## Current Challenges for the DWRLF

- Leveraging the program is critical
  - EPA approval (Region 6 will expedite)
  - Bond Commission (requested involvement)
  - Lots of documents to sign – Secretary
  - State match requirements
  - Re-visit Interest Rates for loans
- State budget problems
  - Increase budget authority for above items

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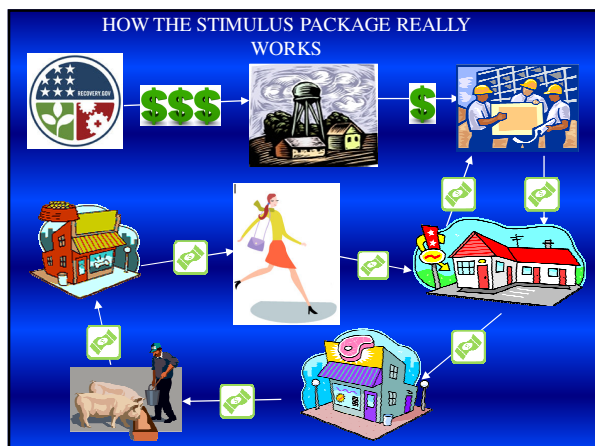
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## Questions or Comments?

If you want the DWRLF to stimulate your local economy please :

- Call DWRLF staff @ 225-342--8355
- Visit:  
<http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/offices/?ID=203>
- Google:  
Louisiana Drinking Water Revolving Loan

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